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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of

Rainer BUHLER

Serial No. 09/600,400

Filed: January 2, 2001

For: FORGING OF WORKPIECES



- : EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
- : Response under 37 CFR 1.116
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- : Group Art Unit: 3725
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- : Examiner: D. Crane
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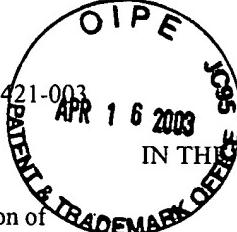
This paper is submitted in reply to the Office Action mailed October 16, 2002, which was made Final. Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-27 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please add new claims 28-43 as follows:

28. Apparatus for cold forging of metal workpieces of varying diameter, comprising:
- (i) two opposed dies;
  - (ii) each said die having a first die part and a second die part;
  - (iii) said second die part being enlarged relative to the first die part, whereby to form stress alleviating means for alleviating stress to the workpiece during cold forging;
  - (iv) the second die part being adapted to allow part of the workpiece to project therefrom, whereby said projecting part of the workpiece is upset and enlarged during cold forging;
  - (v) adjusting means for adjusting the distance of said projecting part of the workpiece beyond said second die part; and



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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above identified application.

- [ ] No additional fee is required.  
 [ ] Small entity status of this application has been established.  
 [ ] A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.  
 [ X ] Also attached: Petition for Extension of Time

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

	NO. OF CLAIMS	HIGHEST PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	EXTRA CLAIMS	RATE	FEE
Total Claims	17	20	0	x \$ 18 =	
Independent Claims	2	3	0	x \$ 84 =	
If multiple claims newly presented, add \$280.00					
Fee for extension of time					930.00
<b>TOTAL FEE DUE</b>					<b>\$930.00</b>

- [ X ] A credit card authorization form in the amount of \$930.00 is attached  
 [ X ] The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 07-1337, including any filing fees under 37 CFR 1.16 for presentation of extra claims and any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.

Respectfully submitted,

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